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Title: HARDWARE LOAD BALANCING THROUGH A SINGLE FABRIC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on March 16, 2001, Application Number 09/811,189. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of August 29, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

**No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings** are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.